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KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA PLANNING UPDATE Summer 2003

The primary purpose of this Planning Update is to inform you about the activities on the Klamath Falls Resource Area. It is my desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities I think are important to the public. More importantly, I am seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by multiple-use management programs here on the resource area.

This planning update is organized to make it easy for you to find projects of most interest. Projects have been arranged into categories (i.e., Recent Decisions, New Projects, On-going Projects, and Environmental Education Activities). In addition, each of these categories is sorted by resource topics (e.g., Lands Program, Timber Sales, etc.). The table will give you a brief description of activities occurring within the Klamath Falls Resource Area and for most projects a location. Refer to one of three maps following the table, for locations of projects.

Additional information can be obtained from the contact listed in the project descriptions. If you have any concerns about the proposed actions, please call the Klamath Falls Resource Area and ask for the "Contact" person listed or the Resource Area Planner as soon as possible. The earlier you get involved, the more capability we have to adjust or change planned actions. Also be alert for news releases and public notices published in the Herald and News as projects reach stages for public involvement. If you want to provide comments to a specific environmental assessment, please send or deliver your written comments addressed to the Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area, by the close of, or postmarked by the last day of the comment period. Your comments and concerns are welcomed, and could influence the final decision on these projects.

I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this planning update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your continued interest in BLM's management of public lands. If you have any questions on this planning update, stop by the office or call (541) 883-6916.

/s/ Jon Raby

Jon Raby, Acting Field Manager Klamath Falls Resource Area

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| | Recent Decisions – Timber Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| 4/09/03 | Map 1 #32 | Whiteline Redone Timber Sale – Sale located northeast of Klamath Falls near Swan Lake Rim was designed as a density management treatment. Originally offered August 2001 and went no-bid. Sale was reworked, reoffered for sale 5/7/03, and went no-bid again. BLM has since negotiated the sale for the appraised price. It is a 24 month sale. Sale volume approximately 573 MBF on 282 acres. | T37S, R9E, Secs. 3, 13, 14 T37S, R10E, Secs. 9, 10, 15 | Matrix | Negotiated May 2003 | Mike Bechdolt | | | | |
| 4/09/03 | None | Toolbox Salvage Timber Sale – The sale consists of fire salvage as a result of the Toolbox Fire that occurred in July 2002. Approximately 292 MBF of salvage has been marked on 71 acres. It is a 12 month contract. The sale is located south of the town of Silver Lake. | T29S, R15E, Secs. 27and 28 | None | Sold May 9, 2003 | Mike Bechdolt | | | | |

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| | Ongoing Projects – Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment (Continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| Map 2 #62 | Mechanical Slash Treatment Project – Mechanical treatments (shearing, chipping, or grinding) to reduce fuels and control vegetation on approx. 12,000 acres. | Multiple Locations Resource Area Wide | None | Second DNA completed. | Projects tasked out over a three year period – ongoing. | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #63 | Stukel 98-7 & 9 Prescribed Burns - This project proposes to burn approximately 525 acres to: reintroduce fire to restore sustainable function and structure to plant communities, reduce the potential for stand-replacing wildfires, and reduce overall fire management costs. | T40S, R11E, Sec 5 & 6 | Bald Eagle | Analysis Completed Planned projects tier to the Programmatic Fire EA (OR-014-94-09) approved on 4-29-94. | Stukel 98-7A completed (130 acres). Remaining project - Spring 2003 | Steve Petrick- Underwood | | | | |
| Map 2 #64 | Stateline/ Holbrook Prescribed Burns – Prescribe burn approximately 4,000 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire | T.40S, R15 E., T.41S, R15E. | None | Initiated Winter 2001 | Fall 2003 | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #65 & #19 | Big Adobe Prescribed Burn – Prescribe burn approximately 6,700 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire (includes Wild Midway Rx Burn) | T41S, R15E | Riparian | Initiated Winter 2001 | Fall 2003 | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #66 | Hamaker Canyon Prescribed Burn – Prescribe burn approximately 400 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire | T.40S., R.13E., Sec. 8 | None Known | Initiated Winter 2001 | Project completed Spring 2003 | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #67 | Yainax Butte Prescribed Burn – Prescribe burn approximately 500 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire. | T.37S, R13E, Sec. 26,27,34,35 | None Known | Initiated Spring 2001 | Project completed June 2003 | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #45 | Upper Swan Prescribed Burn - This project proposes to burn approximately 98 acres. The purposes of this project are to: Reintroduce fire to restore sustainable function and structure to plant communities, while reducing the potential for stand-replacement wildfires, and reducing overall fire management costs. | T37S, R10E, Sec. 24 & 25 T37S, R11.5E, Sec. 31 | Bald Eagle | Analysis Completed Planned projects tier to the Programmatic Fire EA (OR-014-94-09) approved on 4-29-94. | Project delayed until the Spring 2004. | Joe Foran | | | | |
| Map 2 #49 | Range-Juniper Treatment – Hazardous fuel reduction, wildlife forage and habitat improvement using mechanical and prescribed fire methods. | T40S, R12E, Sec. 11 | None | DNA completed | 2-3 year implementation - ongoing | Joe Foran | | | | |

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| Rangeland Health Standards Assessments - completed | | | | | | | | | |
| Map 3 #91 | Stukel-High Allotment (#0827) | Stukel Mountain, Southwest of Klamath Falls | None Known | Assessment completed | December 2002 | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #94 | Voight Allotment (#0894) | Stukel Mountain, Southwest of Klamath Falls | None Known | Assessment completed | December 2002 | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #86 | Rodgers Allotment (#0852) | Stukel Mountain, Southwest of Klamath Falls | None Known | Assessment completed | March 2003 | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #50 | Williams Allotment (#0892) | East of Bonanza | None Known | Assessment completed | April 2003 | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #31 | Bear Valley Allotment (#0876) | East-central Gerber Block None Known | | Assessment completed | April 2003 | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #54 | Cheyne Allotment (#0811) | North of Bonanza | None Known | Assessment completed | May 2003 | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #52 | Paddock Allotment (#0844) | North-central Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #53 | J Spring Allotment (#0803) | Northwest Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #59 | Bumpheads Allotment (#0877) | Southwest Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #60 | Horse Camp Rim Allotment (#0886) | Central Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #61 | Rock Creek Allotment (#0888) | Southeast Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Dana Eckard | | | |
| Map 3 #85 | DeVaul Allotment (#0879) | Northeast Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #87 | Goodlow allotment (#0881) | Northeast Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| Map 3 #88 | Pankey Basin Allotment (#0884) | Northeast Gerber Block | None Known | Assessment completed | June 2003* | Bill Lindsey | | | |
| *Assessments completed as part of the Gerber/Willow Valley Watershed Analysis. | | | | | | | | | |

FY 2003 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Participation by Klamath Falls Resource Area Employees and Volunteers

Presentations/Environmental Education Programs/Tours (Fiscal Year to Date)

| What Was Presented | Date | Where | Group / Age | # of People |
|--|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Wood River Wetland Management | 10/01/02 | Wood River Wetland | NRCS employees | 10 |
| Wood River Wetland Management | 10/18/02 | Wood River Wetland | SE Oregon RAC – Burns, OR | 20 |
| Fun With Fungi | 10/26/02 | Brown Mountain Trail | Adults | 20 |
| Restoration Ecology ("Concerned Friends") | 10/29/02 | Wood River Wetland | Adults | 30 |
| GIS Day | 11/23/02 | Jefferson Square Mall | All ages | 20 |
| Wood River Wetland Management | 01/09/03 | Wells Ranch | Adults | 15 |
| Wetland Management | 01/14/03 | Wood River Wetland | Adults | 9 |
| Sophomore and Senior Projects | 01/21/03 | Oregon Institute of Technology | Adults | 15 |
| Channel Construction Project | 01/29/03 | USFWS Regional Office | Adults | 10 |
| Land Management/Wetland Restoration | 02/03/03 | Klamath Community College | Adults | 20 |
| Channel Construction Project | 02/05/03 | FWS – Jobs in the Woods Coordinator | Adults | 10 |
| Wildlife/Natural History | 02/26/03 | Fairhaven Elementary | 3 rd Grade Students | 30 |
| Bitterbrush Planting | 02/20/03 | Shasta Way Grange Hall | Oregon Hunters Association | 30 |
| Wetland Management | 3/20/03 | Wood River Wetland | Ducks Unlimited/Adults | 6 |
| Wetland Management | 03/18/03 | Wood River Wetland | Jack Albert/Herald & News | 1 |
| River Restoration | 04/12/03 | Wood River Wetland | River Guides/Adult | 20 |
| Earth Day | 04/20/03 | Jefferson Square Mall | All | 300 |
| IMBD Educators Workshop | 04/25/03 | OSU Extension Service | Adult | 25 |
| WRW Management Overview to DOI members "Conference on the Environment" | 05/01/03 | Wood River Wetland | Adults | 75 |
| International Migratory Bird Day | 05/10/03 | Veteran's Park | All | 500-600 |

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|--|------------|---|---|----------------------|
| What Was Presented | Date | Where | Group / Age | # of People |
| Wetland Biology | 06/3-4/03 | Running Y Ranch Resort Wetland | 5 th and 6 th graders | 240 |
| Upper Klamath River Management Plan DEIS Public Meetings | 06/9-11/03 | Klamath Falls (14 public), Yreka (11 public), Copco (32 public) | Adults | 57 (10 BLM Staff) |

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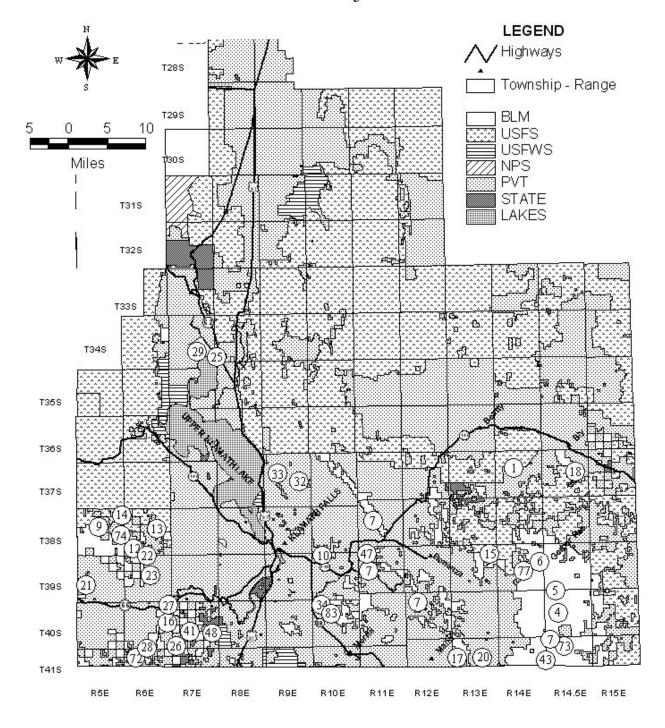
Yearly Scheduled Events

| Event/Activity | Date | Location | Contact(s) | # of Participants (Employees/Public*) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Bald Eagle Conference | February 12-14 | Klamath Community College | Hayner/Kellam | 3/150 |
| Earth Day | April 20 | Jefferson Square Mall | Greg Reddell | 8/500 |
| Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic** | May 2-4 | Klamath County Fairgrounds | Pinckney/Senter | 5/2000 |
| International Migratory Bird Day | (IMBD) | (Various – See following) | Steve Hayner | (See Below) |
| IMBD Pre-event Classes | Apr.5 & May 7 | Klamath Community College | Steve Hayner | 1/50 |
| IMBD Educator Workshop | April 25 | OSU-Klamath Co. Extension | Steve Hayner | 2/25 |
| IMBD Event | May 10 | Veteran's Park | Steve Hayner | 15/500-600 |
| National Free Fishing Day | TBA | Willow Valley Reservoir | Scott Snedaker | 4/500 |
| RAP Camp | June 14-21 | Camp Esther Applegate | Kelly Hollums | 9/52 |
| Klamath County Fair | August | Klamath County Fairgrounds | Pinckney/Senter | / |
| Sixth Grade Forestry Tour | September | TBA | Bill Johnson | / |
| National Public Lands Day | September 20 | Wood River Wetland | Wedge Watkins | / |
| Oregon Archeology Celebration | October 2003 | TBA | Michelle Durant | / |
| Fun with Fungi | Oct/Nov | TBA: In field w/ USFS | Jannice Cutler | / |
| GIS Day | TBA | TBA | Limb/Martin | / |

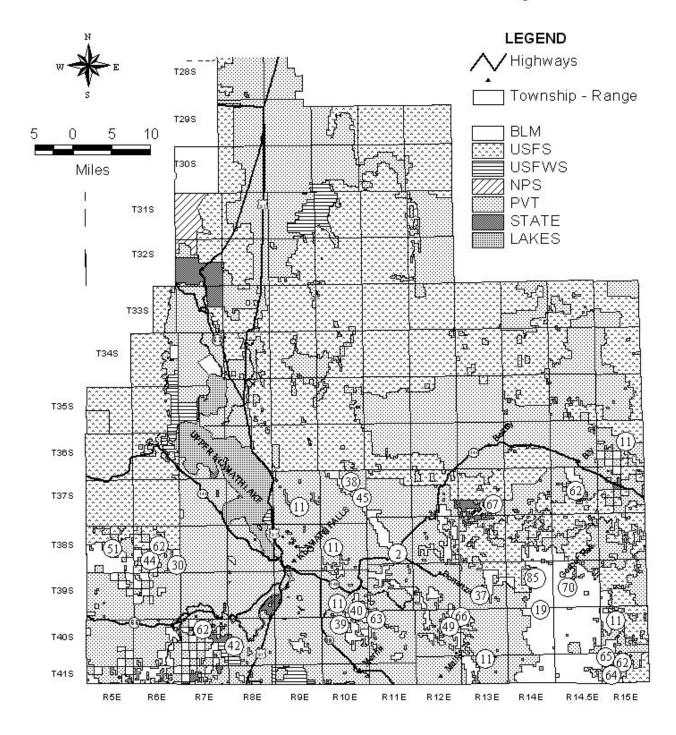
^{*}Numbers of public participants for large events are estimated.

^{**}BOLD WRITING indicates that project is funded with District Outreach dollars.

MAP 1 Klamath Falls Resource Area Summer 2003 Planning Update Miscellaneous Project Locations



MAP 2
Klamath Falls Resource Area
Summer 2003 Planning Update
Prescribed Fire and Fuels Treatment Projects



MAP 3 Klamath Falls Resource Area Summer 2003 Planning Update Grazing Project Locations

